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The Board of Aldermen in Richmond has concurred in the appropriation of \$10,000 to put in operation the free school book system in Richmond.

James J. Hill is said to know off-hand the price of every class of material in railroad construction, but when it comes to any compact between his railways and the Steel Trust, his memory gets bad.

Lynchburg is taking its temperance by gradation. Barrooms close there at 10 o'clock. Now there is a petition before the Legislature to be allowed to vote on a dispensary system instead.

Should the Chicago presidential primary go against Roosevelt he is in a position to say that he never has been a candidate, and if it goes against Taft his friends will reiterate that he will accept.

Dr. Charles V. Carrington of Richmond is in hard luck: after having his head cut off at the penitentiary, his arm was broken by the crank of his automobile.

By the way, what has become of that festive gentleman who insisted that "the seasons are changing and we don't have the old-fashioned winters like they did when I was a boy."

Apparently a wet blanket has been put over the statement that the Senate is surely wet.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS.

The Alexandria Gazette announces this evening its contemplated presentation to three ladies of the city and section of complete educational trips abroad. The subscribers of the Alexandria Gazette, both old and new, will decide who shall take these trips abroad. They are fixed at a time when vacations are usually taken, and were selected as prizes because they are of more value to the successful ladies than the prizes usually given in subscription contests. The territory in which the Alexandria Gazette circulates has been so divided that each district will get one of the prizes. The rules governing the contest are as fair as experience and forethought can make them. The matter will be under the supervision of Mr. F. H. Kincaid, a man of wide experience in all branches of newspaper business, and a corps of experienced assistants.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

The action of the Chamber of Commerce of Alexandria in meeting with the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax county this afternoon and endeavoring to demonstrate to our neighbors the practicability of constructing the proposed new macadam road so that it may pass through Al-

exandria, was a wise move.

The Chamber of Commerce, very properly, argues that the new road the supervisors are about to construct should pass through the West End and into our city, where the trade of generations prior to colonial days has come, and which has ever been recognized as the market town of this Congressional district. Alexandria was at one time a part of Fairfax county, and for many years the court house was our capital. When the town was chartered the people of Fairfax, among whom was George Washington, were proud of their offspring, and as all roads were said to have led to Rome, so all thoroughfares of this district were constructed to lead to the market town of Alexandria. In by-gone years some farmers drove all the way from Ohio to Alexandria to make purchases, especially during the spring of the year when they procured their fish from this place. There is no answer to the argument now used by the Chamber of Commerce to show why this new road should enter this city at West End, as it will afford a much shorter route to Washington than by way of Rosslyn, as some are endeavoring to bring about. Should Fairfaxians prefer to keep on to Washington and not dispose of their produce here, they will be nearer their objective point than they would be were they to follow the meanderings to Rosslyn.

The Gazette has in by-gone years called attention to the fact that a desirable highway between Alexandria and Washington should have been constructed long ago. This great desideratum is more apparent now than ever, as we have entered into the automobile age. The ferry service between the two cities is uncertain during the winter months, and the schedule of the boat unsatisfactory to Alexandrians. There are but four miles between this city and the south end of the new highway bridge and the overland route is all that is needed in our day, as the run can be made by motor cars in less time than a steamboat can make a trip from this city to Washington. A fine roadway is a prime essential to Alexandria, as the trade of this city and Washington is commingling more and more.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

City government by commission in Virginia achieved a substantial advance in the passage yesterday of the resolution submitting to the people in November a constitutional amendment granting to the General Assembly the right to permit cities to adopt "special" forms of government. The proposed amendment is, of course, not as radical as the friends of the commission plan of city administration would have it; but they take courage in the belief that this concession is the opening wedge for the complete reform which lies in the not far distant future. The commission plan is yet in its experimental phase: it is being tried out, and Virginia will make the most of the experience, the mistakes and the benefits of cities in other States. The unanimous action of the General Assembly in passing this resolution augurs well for the future.

Home rule for cities is, of course, the idea toward which all progressive cities are striving. When such a principle is engrafted upon our laws, the best interests of the city and of the State as well will be best served. Every city ought to be encompassed with the least possible restrictions by the State as to its government, so that it may have fair opportunity and free room to determine what form of administration is best for its own particular conditions. The more large-

ly the Legislature is divorced from the government of cities, the greater the possibility that the cities will prosper and become more efficiently governed. City home rule will come by a process of evolution; its approach will be gradual, but none the less inevitable.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
What were the "ferret meetings?"

The "ferret meetings" attained that name from the fact that they were the star chamber gatherings of disgruntled republicans who had been ousted from city positions after the close of the civil war when Alexandrians returned to their homes and took charge of the city's affairs, which had, in a measure, been administered by others during the four years' conflict. There were also in these gatherings government office holders and would-be officials, and the proceedings of the meetings were generally unconventional and there was much in them which savored of the ridiculous. Of course, the reporter had much upon which to draw in order to make the proceedings ludicrous to readers. The Gazette generally managed to get reports of the proceedings of these meetings, and the participants were naturally exasperated after having hermetically sealed their places of meeting, to find long accounts of them in the paper the following afternoon. Sometimes these gatherings were in the upper story of the postoffice building. The "ferret meetings" in conjunction with the weekly meetings of the republicans of the different wards formed interesting reading two score years ago.

KNEW HIM AND LOVED HIM

Dr. Courtenay, Mutilated Veteran of the Confederate Army, as He Was in Tiptah.

Dr. Courtenay entered the Confederate army as a surgeon, and after the surrender found himself without home, family, or fortune. His right coat-sleeve dangled empty; the hand that had saved so many lives could not save itself. It had been amputated after Gettysburg, and the story goes that Lee himself—the name is always pronounced slowly and reverently in Tiptah—had said, "I wish I could give my hand to save yours, doctor." Another loss, equally grave, but less conspicuous, was that of his left lung. It was this trouble that had brought him to Tiptah's mild climate, for nearly 20 years he had lived there alone in his three-room cottage, riding out every day to his little farm, five miles from town, and reading and smoking far into the night. His library was the wonder of Tiptah. Books in five languages lined the walls of his house—all in the cheapest bindings, for the doctor was poor; but, as he used to say, it was the meat in the nut he cared for, not the shell outside. He never practiced medicine, except occasionally among persons too poor to pay for medical advice, or, more frequently, in serious cases when called in consultation. It was known that he had never taken a fee in Tiptah. Every one believed implicitly in his skill. It was a common thing to hear it said, after a death, "Nothing could have saved him; Dr. Courtenay said so."—Lillian Kirk Hammond in the Atlantic.

Advice From Kindly Busy Body.
"Oh, my! Your house has an odor of burning milk. Don't you know how to avoid that?" asked the K. B. B. "I didn't think it was so terrible. I'm sure. Everybody has accidents of that kind," said the woman she was visiting rather irritably. "Now it's all right, of course, I don't mind it, my dear, but next time just sprinkle some salt on the stove at once after the milk is spilled and you will avoid that unpleasant odor."

Spring Arrivals

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Handkerchief Finished Linen	at 10c and 15c the yard
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT, Alexandria, Va.

By virtue of authority vested in me by a certain deed of trust, dated July 6, 1910 and recorded in deed book 53, page 552, a Land Record, of Alexandria, Virginia, wherein Henry H. Waring conveyed certain lots of ground and improvements to the undersigned trustee to secure the payment of certain notes therein set forth, default having been made in the payment of the notes therein secured, on the request of the holder of the said notes, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the entrance of the Market Building, on Royal street, Alexandria, Virginia, Saturday, February 24, 1912, at 12 o'clock M., all of said property described as follows in said deed: 1. All that certain lot of ground, with the buildings and other improvements thereon, and all appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining, situated on the west side of Columbus street, between Wilkes and Gibbons streets, Alexandria, Virginia, and described as follows: Beginning on the west side of Columbus street, 40 feet south of Wilkes street, running thence west parallel with Wilkes street, 117 feet 6 inches to an alley 11 feet 10 inches wide, thence south on said alley 20 feet; thence east parallel with Wilkes street, 117 ft. 6 in. to Columbus St. and thence north on Columbus St. 20 ft. to the place of beginning, with the use of said alley in common with others entitled thereto, references to said deed is made for description. This house and lot is sold subject to a trust of \$500.00. Terms of sale, cash, transfer at the cost of purchaser.

ROBBLEY D. BRUMBACK
2-13-10d. Trustee.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Woodley Apartment House Company will be held at the office of Gardner L. Boothe, esq., Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, February 26, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m.

B. W. PARKER, Secretary.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Parkwood Apartment House Company, incorporated, will be held at the office of Gardner L. Boothe, esq., Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, February 26, 1912, at 2:15 o'clock p. m.

B. W. PARKER, Secretary.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Airy View Apartment House Company, incorporated, will be held at the office of Gardner L. Boothe, esq., Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, February 26, 1912, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

B. W. PARKER, Secretary.

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